

REMARKS

This Rule 116 Amendment after Final Office Action is filed in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-41 are pending in the application, and that claims 1-41 are rejected.

By this response, claims 12, 14-17, 19, 21-24, 34-35, and 40-41 continue unchanged. Claims 1-11, 13, 18, 20, 25-29, 31, 36, and 37 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Dependent Claim 77 is now in independent form. Claims 42-76 and 78-79 are also canceled. Claims 30, 32, 33, 38 and 39 are amended to correct the word "plastic" to "plaster" when referring to the molding material.

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner indicated that claims 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 30, 32-36, and 38-41 claimed allowable subject matter and that these claims would be allowed if rewritten into independent form to include the features of the claims from which they depend. The Applicant has amended claims 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 30, 32-36, and 38-41 as suggested by the Examiner. Dependent Claim 77 is now in independent allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicant submits that none of the claims presently in the application are anticipated or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.


Applicant requests a three (3) month extension and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The requisite small entity fees are enclosed.

No new matter is added by the foregoing Amendment.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Alfred M. Walker at (631) 361-8737 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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